

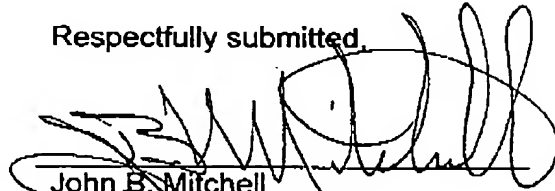
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim 9 was rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 102, and claims 10-13, all dependent from independent claim 9, were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended independent claim 9 by adding the limitations of claim 10, and should, therefore, now be allowable. Likewise, dependent claims 11-13 should now be allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim.
2. Applicant has also amended claims 11 and 13. Claim 11 was amended to depend from claim 9, and claim 13 was amended to correct a misspelling.
3. In summary, claim 10 has been cancelled, claims 9, 11 and 13 have been amended, and claims 1-8, 10-16 and 18 remain in the case. Claims 1-8, 14-16 and 18 have been allowed. Applicant submits that claims 9 and 11-13 are also now allowable, and respectfully requests that all claims now pending in the application be allowed and the application passed to Issue.

Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call Applicant's attorney, collect, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, if in his judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if he considers the application ready for final disposition by other than allowance.

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